

Application No. 10/701,094
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A plastic film bag assembly comprising:

a plastic film bag including front and back walls defining a cavity therebetween and an opening leading to said cavity;

a header portion extending from said back wall whereby said bag can be supported;

a severance line extending across said header portion whereat said bag is selectively severable from said header portion;

wherein said severance line includes a bag support section and a tear section;

said severance line support section has a first strength per unit length of severance line requiring a positive force to sever said bag from said header portion along said severance line support section and said tear section has a second strength per unit length of severance line requiring a positive force to sever said bag from said header portion along said severance line tear section; and,

wherein said first strength per unit length is greater than said second strength per unit length whereby, when severing said bag from said header along said severance line, a greater force is required for severing along said support section than the force required for severing along said tear section.

Claim 2 (original): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 1 wherein said header portion includes side edges and said severance line extends therebetween, and wherein said severance line includes tear sections adjacent each said side edges and a support section therebetween.

Claim 3 (original): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 1 wherein said header portion includes side edges and said severance line extends therebetween, and wherein said severance line includes tear sections adjacent each said side edges, support sections adjacent each of said sides tear sections, and a tear section between said support sections.

Claim 4 (original): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 1 further comprising complementary

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detachably attachable zipper profiles on said front and back walls near said bag opening for selectively opening and closing the bag.

Claim 5 (original): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 1 wherein at least one of said front or back walls includes a plurality of holes whereby air is allowed to enter the bag cavity.

Claim 6 (original): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 1 further comprising a gusset formed between said front and back walls.

Claim 7 (original): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 1 wherein said front wall includes a lip whereat said bag may be grasped and pulled away from said header for severing said bag from said header.

Claim 8 (original): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 1 wherein said header portion includes side edges and said severance line extends therebetween, and wherein said severance line includes tear sections adjacent each said side edges and a support section therebetween, and further comprising complementary detachably attachable zipper profiles on said front and back walls near said bag opening for selectively opening and closing the bag.

Claim 9 (original): The plastic bag assembly of claim 8 wherein at least one of said front or back walls includes a plurality of holes whereby air is allowed to enter the bag cavity.

Claim 10 (original): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 9 further comprising a gusset formed between said front and back walls and wherein said front wall includes a lip whereat said bag may be grasped and pulled away from said header for severing said bag from said header.

Claim 11 (original): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 1 wherein said header portion includes side edges and said severance line extends therebetween, and wherein said severance line includes sides tear sections adjacent each said side edge, support sections adjacent each of said sides tear sections, and a tear section between said support sections, and further comprising complementary detachably attachable zipper profiles on said front and back walls near said bag opening for selectively opening and closing the bag.

Claim 12 (original): The plastic bag assembly of claim 11 wherein at least one of said front or

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back walls includes a plurality of holes whereby air is allowed to enter the bag cavity.

Claim 13 (original): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 12 further comprising a gusset formed between said front and back walls and wherein said front wall includes a lip whereat said bag may be grasped and pulled away from said header for severing said bag from said header.

Claim 14 (new): A plastic film bag assembly comprising:

a plastic film bag including front and back walls defining a cavity therebetween, an opening leading to said cavity, and complementary detachably attachable zipper profiles disposed on said bag near said bag opening for selectively opening and closing the bag;

a header portion extending from said back wall whereby said bag can be supported; a severance line extending across said header portion whereat said bag is selectively severable from said header portion;

wherein said severance line includes a bag support section and a tear section;

said severance line support section has a first strength per unit length of severance line requiring a positive force to sever said bag from said header portion along said severance line support section and said tear section has a second strength per unit length of severance line requiring a positive force to sever said bag from said header portion along said severance line tear section; and,

wherein said first strength per unit length is greater than said second strength per unit length whereby, when severing said bag from said header along said severance line, a greater force is required for severing along said support section than the force required for severing along said tear section.

Claim 15 (new): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 14 wherein said header portion includes side edges and said severance line extends therebetween, and wherein said severance line includes tear sections adjacent each said side edges and a support section therebetween.

Claim 16 (new): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 14 wherein said header portion includes side edges and said severance line extends therebetween, and wherein said severance line includes tear sections adjacent each said side edges, support sections adjacent each of said sides tear sections, and a tear section between said support sections.

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Claim 17 (new): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 14 wherein at least one of said front and back walls includes a plurality of holes whereby air is allowed to enter the bag cavity.

Claim 18 (new): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 14 wherein said front wall includes a lip whereat said bag may be grasped and pulled away from said header for severing said bag from said header.

Claim 19 (new): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 14 wherein said header portion includes side edges and said severance line extends in a straight line between said side edges.

Claim 20 (new): The plastic film bag assembly of claim 14 wherein said severance line bag support sections are defined by a non-perforated section of material and said severance line tear sections are defined by a perforated section of material.